

COURT MATTERS

Petition for Letters of Administration.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT

Today in the Estate of the Late William Dodson—The Harkrader vs. Young Case Gone to the Jury.

In the county court this morning Mary E. Dodson filed a petition for letters of administration for the estate of her husband, the late William Dodson. Judge Hanmer granted the petition and named as administrators Robert R. Montgomery and B. O. McReynolds. The personal property of the estate is estimated to worth \$1500, and the administrators gave bond in the sum of \$3000. The entire estate is probably worth from \$75,000 to \$100,000. The real estate consists of the homestead property on East Eldorado street, a number of residences and business lots in this city and about 100 acres of valuable lands, part of which are located in the suburbs of the city.

The heirs to the estate are Mrs. Mary E. Dodson, the widow, and the two children, George Dodson and Miss Daisy Dodson.

GONE TO THE JURY.

The entire time in the circuit court today was taken up by the case of I. A. Harkrader vs. Mrs. Elizabeth Young. The case was one wherein Mr. Harkrader was suing the estate of Mrs. Young, his mother-in-law, for \$1000, claimed to be due for caring for Mrs. Young. She was at a private asylum at Jacksonville and Mr. Harkrader brought her home to care for her. He claims that he is entitled to \$1000 for taking care of the lady and therefore sues the estate for that amount. The defense today put witnesses on the stand and the case went to the jury just before noon. They will probably return a verdict before night.

Watson-Aikin.

Mrs. A. M. Aikin has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Kate Gertrude Aikin, and Dudley Drayton Watson. The wedding will take place at the home of Mrs. Aikin's son, at 308 Race street, Urbana, Ill., on the evening of Wednesday, April 27, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Aikin has been a teacher in the public schools of Decatur for the past 11 years and is possessed with a charm of personality which has made her most successful in her profession and won her many friends. Mr. Watson is a member of the firm of Watson Bros., hardware merchants of Clinton, where the couple will reside.

Altgeld Denounces Cleveland

Chicago, April 14.—At the Jeffersonian celebration, in Central Music hall, last night, ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld of Illinois, was the principal speaker. He honored Jefferson as a great defender of human liberty and declared that he was one of the greatest figures in American history. A greater portion of his address was devoted to a denunciation of ex-President Cleveland.

Springfield Presbytery.

Jacksonville, Ill., April 14.—Sessions of the Springfield Presbytery began in this city, at which routine work was performed. Rev. W. C. Snyder of Lincoln, was chosen moderator and Rev. John Roberts of Macon, clerk. An address was delivered by Dr. T. D. Logan of Springfield, on "The Synodical Plan of Home Missions."

Regular Army Troops.

Nashville, Tenn., April 14.—The 25th regiment, regulars, arrived here at 8 o'clock this morning. After stopping over for breakfast they proceeded and will arrive at Chattanooga at 8 o'clock this afternoon, where eight companies go into camp in the Chickamauga National park. The other two companies are going on orders to Key West.

Magnum Opus.

The Magnum Opus club meets tomorrow night at the home of Miss Hattie Macaulay. Macaulay is the author to be studied. Miss Rose Marrow will lead.

Boothblacks are seldom seen on the streets of Berlin.



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DECLARATION OF WAR IN SIGHT

Orders Out for the Entire Regular Army to Gather On the Coast.

STILL TALKING IN THE SENATE.

Senators and Congressmen Have Another Stirring Time Beneath the Dome.

But a Vote Will Be Reached Tonight--No Adjournment Until Action Is Taken--President Will Not Veto Any Resolution Adopted.

Washington, April 15.—When the Senate reconvened for the further consideration of the Cuban resolutions, the indications were that the session will be continued late into the night, as 23 senators had signified their intention to speak on the question.

Senator Culom of Illinois.

Senator Culom was the first senator to be heard today. He delivered a carefully prepared speech, covering the Cuban situation in general. Touching on Spain's course toward the island he said: "Her black crimes call aloud for vengeance and vengeance will be taken by the American people in the interest of humanity." He declared that the Maine disaster to have been an act of "deliberate and atrocious murder." He praised President McKinley and appealed for immediate action to drive Spain out of Cuba.

Senator Berry of Arkansas followed Senator Culom. He expressed a preference for the recognition of the independence of the Cuban republic, but said he would stand by the president, whatever the character of the resolution passed.

Daniel and Gray.

Senator Daniel of Virginia, was the next speaker. He said that up to now he had lived for peace, but the time seemed gone by and he wanted to do everything in his power to support the president. He favored the independence of the Cuban republic. He criticized the president, and a heated colloquy ensued between him and Senator Gray of Delaware, who defended the president against what he considered an insinuation that an attempt was being made to send the American army to Cuba to help suppress Gomez. Senator Daniel denied that he made any such insinuation.

Senator Tillman of South Carolina followed Mr. Daniel. Senator Tillman objected to allowing the president to send an army into Cuba to establish any government he might see fit. He did not suspect the president, but he had some very wicked partners, who were not free from suspicion of being influenced by Spanish bandits.

"The bonds are strong," said Senator Tillman. "Money talks, man are cheap." He suggested that if we pacify the island and foreign influences will be exercised in the matter of the recognition of the government in the island, and thereby duress and barter, looking to saddling a Spanish debt on Cuba, which would result in another revolution and we would be compelled to take possession of the island as it had been done with Egypt. We will be compelled to police it. He did not want war, but the demand for justice against the assassins of the Maine's victims must be met.

Senator Wolcott followed Senator Tillman, saying that while he intended to vote for the resolution he wanted to dissent from the instructions against the president. The president was brave himself and abhors war. He had many things to contend against, among them the disgraceful journalism and impudent utterances in Congress, making the task of diplomacy more difficult. All these difficulties the president had met with the courage of a Christian and a soldier. We are on the threshold of war. It was to be regretted that the president was not able to keep matters in his own hands longer as Congress was not diplomatic. After the Maine explosion the die was cast and there was but one duty left—Spain's exoneration. In the absence of that the God of battles must be invoked. Spain has taken no pains to exculpate herself and war is the only possible outcome. War must come and Cuba must be free.

Sure to Vote.

Forty-five senators have agreed to remain in the chamber without adjournment until a vote on the Cuban question is reached. A vote is expected to be reached this evening.

May Not Vote To-Night.

Washington, April 15.—The prospects are there will be no vote in the senate today. There will probably be a late night session, though conservative senators will try to secure an adjournment at 6 p. m.

Another Lively Time in the House.

Washington, April 15.—There was another lively scene in the House today. Representative Bailey, rising to personal explanation, said the speaker was responsible for the omissions in the bill.

McKinley would secure a free hand, which reassured the market.

Exclusive Information.

Rome, April 15.—The Popolo-Romanos understand that the powers will intervene in favor of Spain with a naval demonstration.

All Will Remain Neutral.

Rome, April 15.—At a meeting of the council of ministers Wednesday the Moro's Visconti Venosta declared that Italy, in accordance with engagements entered into with the allied powers, would remain absolutely neutral.

The Italian ambassador to Berlin has arrived in Rome. He informs the government officially that the German emperor will shortly visit Rome. This visit is connected with the present serious international situation.

A semi-official note states that the powers now consider their direct action in the Spanish-American conflict ended. If war breaks out they will observe absolute neutrality.

CRANDALL CAUGHT AT LAST

He Was Hired by Weyler to Place the Mine That Blew Up the Maine.

Chicago, April 15.—Charles A. Crandall, alias Emanuel Escudero, accompanied by three officers of the United States secret service, is en route to Washington, where Crandall will appear before the state department officials and tell what he knows regarding the blowing up of the United States battleship Maine in the harbor of Havana two months ago.

Crandall says he was employed by General Weyler to lay the mine in the harbor of Havana. He was formerly in the United States navy, but when picked up by General Weyler was in the employ of Grace & Co. of London at their nitre beds in South America. He says that by direction of General Weyler he assumed the name Escudero. He planted 17 mines and 10 torpedoes. The former were made in England and the latter in Italy.

One mine was planted at Buoy No. 6, where the Maine was anchored. There is a complete chain of mines about the harbor, while torpedoes command the main channel. The mines are concentrated at three separate firing points, namely: Moro Castle, the navy yard and Cabanas. The main chain is of seven mines, anchored along the main anchorage, and

Crandall has offered to make a map of the Havana harbor and the location of all mines and torpedoes. He states that he was employed by Weyler for more than a year and received his last pay from Spanish sources March 8, when he was notified to go to New York, where a ticket awaited him for transportation to London, England.

Crandall was formerly a sailor on the United States cruiser San Francisco, and has a discharge from the service. He says that he is a native of Nashville, Tenn., but spent most of his days in New York city.

SPANISH CONGRESS TO MEET

Madrid Patriots in an Angry Mood--War Climax Quite Near.

Madrid, April 15.—At the cabinet council held under the presidency of the queen regent, it was decided to hasten the reopening of the Spanish parliament. The date for the assembling of the Cortes was April 26, but parliament will now be summoned to meet on Wednesday next, April 20.

The queen regent signed the decree convoking the parliament at 8 o'clock last evening.

A cabinet minister, who was interviewed on emerging from the council, said:

"The true climax is approaching. But Spain is calm. She has done everything to avert war, and is now confident in her right and in the justice of her cause. She is ready to defend her soil and her honor. When the American government communicates its decisions, Spain will stand ready to meet all eventualities."

The premier, Senor Sagasta, made a statement on the subject of the recent developments of the Cuban situation, as affected by events in Washington. He declared the situation was very serious, and while pointing out that "the debates in congress have no legal value," he said he deemed it advisable to expedite the reopening of the Cortes, in order to allow the national opinion and its representatives to declare the will of the people and to enable the government to act in accord with the nation."

The anti-government press is rabid and the whole town is very warlike. The Correo Espanol says: "General Woodford ought to have received his passport on the receipt of McKinley's message, but the cowardly government only dare to use force against patriots crying 'Viva Espana!'"

The queen regent at the cabinet council signed the national subscription decree to increase the navy.

WILL BUY 1000 PACK MULES

Government Sends Order to Kansas City Commissary Office.

Kansas City, Mo., April 15.—The first warlike move from the government to reach Kansas City came in an order for the immediate purchase of 1000 mules to be used in the army. The order comes from commissary headquarters in St. Louis to Major A. L. Smith, officer in charge of the commissary office here.

The mules are to be bought at once and shipped to St. Louis, to be immediately put into the government service.

A significant feature of the order is the fact that these animals are to be used as pack mules, which seems to indicate that they are to be used for service in Cuba.

The purchase of this class of animals is a large one, too, for there are now only 800 pack mules in the United States army.

Spain has been buying mules in Kansas City for some weeks, but has by no means exhausted the supply, and the government's order can be filled in a week or ten days.

The Maine in Carnival Floats.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 15.—No state

fair will be held here this year, as the legislature failed to make its usual appropriation for the society. There has been a considerable feeling in the state against holding the fair, because of the Omaha exposition.

The business men, will, nevertheless, hold the Sesqui-Centennial (Des Moines) carnival, which usually has been held fair week. Their present plan is to have a representation of the Maine's destruction as the feature of the carnival.

Dr. Hobbs.

Jacksonville, Ill., April 15.—The trustees of Centenary M. E. church of this city have received word from the bishop giving his consent to the transfer of Rev. G. F. Flagg from Harry to this city.

He will take the place of Rev. R. G. Hobbs, the present pastor of the church. Dr. Hobbs will engage in missionary work in the interests of the people of Illinois, and has planned a great deal of work in that line. He will make his home in Springfield.

Actor Dead.

New York April 15.—William J. Baer, the comedian, died today in Brooklyn, of a complication of stomach and liver troubles.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

—BY—

EDWIN F. PAYNE.

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PART I.

Mr. Prothrow spoke with the thoughtful deliberation of one who has come to the last bridge and is bound to make a stand—a final one.

"Of course Sam's no good; can't expect nothin' of him, but the boy's got to go to school, that's sure. 'Course he's old enough to work if it come to a pinch, but I want to see him get some learnin', an' he'll never get it if he waits for his father. I'm gettin' plumb sick of Sam."

Mrs Peters bit off her thread with two sound teeth which happened to be opposite.

"You hadn't ought to be so hard on Sam," she said. "You know, Mose, he's good to me, an' because he's unfortunate you hadn't ought to feel hard toward him."

"Unfortunate!" Mose snorted. "Just cussed lazy, you mean. What good is he? Ain't you supported him from the day you married him? Unfortunate! What has he done when he had a job—soldiered so much that he got fired. Look at that job he had in Simpson's factory at sixty dollars a month, lookin' after them machines. Not three hours work a day, an' he threw it up because he had to be at the factory at six o'clock in the mornin'. Said the hours were so long. What did he do down in Louisiana? Wasn't he down there a whole year peddlin' gospel books or some fool thing like that, an' didn't you have to set up nights to earn money to get him back?" Better for you if you'd let him stay there."

Mrs Peters had dropped her work in her lap and was thrusting the empty needle back and forth through a fold in her dress. A battered silver thimble capped one unshapely finger. Her fingers had the large knuckles peculiar to people who labor with their hands. Her almost expressionless face showed but few wrinkles save those about the eyes, which were caused by working by the light of a poor oil lamp. Her thin, dull brown hair was caught up at the back in a little unkempt knot, from which a few uneven ends struggled out.

"You hadn't ought to speak so hard on the Bible, Mose," she said, gravely; "it ain't right. Sam thought he could make a livin' in Louisiana sellin' Bibles, but he was unfortunate. You think because you've been lucky every one ought to be lucky, too."

"Yes, there's the rub, Lod. Sam won't work an' he ain't lucky, so I don't see how you're ever goin' to have anything. Some folks is lucky an' a lot more has to work. I always had to work. Seems funny about Sam, too, 'cause it's always the people that couldn't make a livin' with their hands or brains that's lucky. Seems like work was a kind of a habit; if you start in at it you've got to keep it up the rest of your life, an' if you never begin, why you'll get along somehow — particularly if you've got a good workin' wife."

Mr. Prothrow ran the end of a blunt finger through the red stubble on his jaw and gazed at his sister as though wondering how she would answer that.

Mrs. Peters looked at the needle which she was putting slowly through and through her dress.

"I don't see how—" She stopped and bent her head a little lower.

"Well?" queried Mose.

"Well, I don't see how I can keep *Lafe* in school any longer. He's ten years old, an' they'd take him in Perkins' grocery. I don't see as they's any chance of Sam's gettin' any work very soon, an' I just can't keep on doin' it all much longer. I know 'tain't right for me to say that, but I can't work like I used to."

Mr. Prothrow slipped down in his chair and slid on a reddish-brown boot out the full length of his leg. With the

But I'm plumb tired, Lod. I'm glad to do anything I can for you an' Lafe, but I'm blessed if I'm goin' to support that lummox of a husband of yours.

"Why, look at him!" he went on, rapidly; "he's as big an' strong as I am yet, he can't keep one poor little wife an' his boy. I said I can't keep 'em—won't is the word, just won't keep 'em."

Mose was excited now, and grasping both arms of his chair very tight, was leaning over toward his sister as though to impress his words with the weight of his physical presence.

Mrs. Peters nervously clasped and unclasped her needle scarred fingers, and her lips moved slightly a moment before she spoke.

"I know you've been good to me an' Late, better'n we deserve, Mose. You've give us a heap of money, an' I don't know what we'd a done more'n once if it hadn't been for you. Sam means well; he's good to me an' an' what are we goin' to do, Mose?"

Mose pulled in his outstretched leg with a jerk and straightened up in his chair. There was a deep wrinkle across his forehead and he set his teeth hard. Suddenly he spoke.

"What are you goin' to do? I'll tell you what you're goin' to do. You an' Late are comin' to live with me. You're comin' to my house, d'y'e hear; an' you're goin' to let that lazy Sam hustle for himself. He'll never get in the poor-house 'cause he knows they'd make him work there. When he finds he ain't got you to get his bread and butter, he'll hump an' get it himself. My sister's supported a man just as long as she's goin' to. I've got a great big house an' no one in it but me and Aunt Cindy, an' you're comin' there. If I've got to help support you, I'm goin' to do it in my own ranch. If I've got to pay out the money, I'm goin' to be the man of the house. Now this is final, Lod, an' they ain't no use of mon'gany' longer. You get ready an' pack your duds, an' be fixed to come over next week. You leave all the furniture here; I'll settle with that Sam."

Mr. Prothrow never removed his hat when he came into his sister's house, so his only act was to raise it from the back of his head to an even keel as he arose to go.

Mrs. Peters seemed only now to catch the full meaning of her brother's words.



"WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT?"

The usual pallor of her face was accentuated as she looked up.

"Oh, Mose," she said, "I can't leave Sam, I can't. Why—why he's Late's father—I can't leave him."

Mose stopped in the kitchen doorway. "We won't talk about it anymore now," he said firmly, and pulling his straw hat a little farther over his eyes he strode out of the yard.

The swinging gate had hardly stopped clicking when it was pushed open to allow the passage of Mr. Peters, who moved slowly up the path toward the door.

In a patch of sunshine by the woodpile lay a great cat and around and over her tumbled half a dozen kittens. Mr. Peters removed his hat and mopping his face with a red and white handkerchief, stopped to watch the little balls of varicolored fur roll about.

From a mere cursory glance, Mr. Peters would have been judged a prosperous industrious man. Of medium height, his shoulders stooped from much sitting on the top of packing cases and sugar barrels, and he had a way of thrusting out his chin when he talked. Hair getting thin, with one spot on top where the pink scalp showed through, and below, long bushy whiskers of a shade of red just escapading the aggressive.

He watched the kittens for a moment and then went into the house. His wife had resumed her sewing and as his heavy boot sounded on the uncarpeted floor she looked up.

"Mose was here just now," she said. "That so?" replied Mr. Peters, half interestedly. "What did he have to say?"

She hesitated for a moment. "Oh, nothin' in particular. What did you find out?"

Mr. Peters threw himself into a chair and ran his fingers slowly through his beard.

"Oh, same old thing," he said. "I tell you, Lod, things is goin' to the dogs in the workin' world. They're grindin' us down flatter an' flatter every day. Why, Lod, slaves was better off'n we be; they was sure of enough to eat an' wear. We're slaves to the men that's got the money, an' we ain't sure of our bread an' butter, neither. I tell you, Lod, when they want a man fer half what he's worth, it's gettin' despit."

"Now, look here, Lod, Sam is N.G."

heel for a pivot, he slowly moved his toe back and forth in a broad arc.

"No," he said, slowly; then with a sudden attempt at sarcasm: "No, you're gettin' so you can't work more'n fifteen or sixteen hours a day. You used to work eighteen."

"Now, look here, Lod!" he went on, quickly, "they ain't no use a monkeyin' this way any longer. Sam is N.G."

He never did support you an' he never will. You've been keepin' yourself an' Lafe an' him for the last fifteen years—with my help, an' you can't say I ain't helped you a good deal. Don't think I'm regrettin' what I've done for you; you're my sister an' what I've done has been for you an' Lafe."

"But what did they say?" Mrs. Peters voice had a mixture of impatience and fear in it.

TO BE CONTINUED.

WEALTH IN MINE DEBRIS.

An Old California Prospector Buys About \$250,000 Worth of Tailings for \$10,000.

There are some men in this world who have to toil for a mere apology of a living—and then there are others. One of these latter is Mr. Luce, of Cagigas Muchacho. Luce's experience reads like a romance. For 20 years he had knocked about the coast, on the desert, in the mountains, prospecting and mining, and had finally, by hard work and the closest economy, managed to scrape together a few hundred dollars.

One day on the shores of the Colorado, some 20 miles north of Yuma, he met an old Mexican who told him of a deserted mine some ten miles back from the river and seven miles north of Hedges. Luce's interest was aroused, and he visited that mine, to find there an abandoned 20-stamp mill which had pounded away for many years and finally shut down. He then learned the story. The mill was on leased ground. The lessee had mined the property on shares and had done fairly well, although the ore was not entirely free milling. One day the vein "pinched out." The mining man was sure he had simply lost the lead, and that it was there all right, but the owners refused to put up a cent to help him find it again, and, tired of living on the desert, he threw up the whole business and left.

Luce examined the property, and discovered that there was a small mountain of tailings, the accumulation of years, piled up behind the mill. He tested these tailings with cyanide. Then he measured the pile roughly and estimated there was over 100,000 tons of the stuff there. That night he wrote to the president of the company in New York city, offering them ten cents per ton for the tailings on a basis of 100,000 tons. The president read the letter, looked surprised, and called the directors together. They read the letter, looked wise, tapped their foreheads significantly and laughed to each other. "This poor fellow Luce should be called 'goose,'" said one.

"Desert's proved too much for him—probably gone daft," observed another. Not one of them thought those tailings were worth anything, and they had almost entirely forgotten that old mine out on the Colorado desert. But they answered the letter, telling Luce to go ahead.

This was in April of last year. On receipt of the letter Luce immediately erected a cyanide plant costing him about \$100 of his own and his friends' money. Then they hired 15 Mexicans and Indians, and began work on those tailings. The other day some representatives of the mine company were returning from San Francisco, and, passing through the desert, thought they would visit the mine.

"How are you?" said Luce. "Glad to see you. By the way, we might as well fix up our little account now as at any time," and so saying he threw the astonished Goethamites a check for \$10,000. Then he explained that in the nine months he had been running the cyanide plant he had cleaned up \$45,000 and that there was plenty of tailing in sight to net him \$200,000 within three years.—San Diego (Cal.) Sun.

Remarkable Recovery.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Trial bottles 10c, of this Great Discovery at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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ACUTE LARYNGITIS.

Chicago, Sept. 21, '98.
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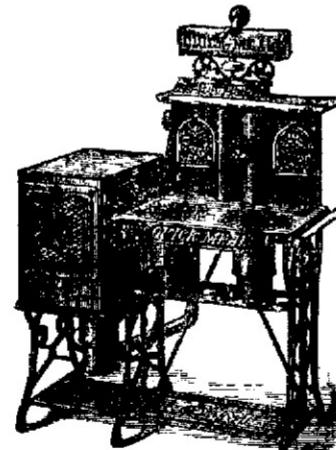
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The members of the Epworth League of the Methodist circuit are preparing for their convention which will be held soon.

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Easter festival Thursday at First Methodist church. Dinner and supper Friday. 13 ddt

Rev. A. M. Danely will deliver a lecture on Sunday, April 24 at the Methodist church at Harrisburg.

The Latest in Spring Suitings—T. F. Mulcahy. apr5-dGw

Fred E. Shroeder, the new postmaster at Warrensburg, has received his commission and taken charge of the office.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9 dft

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Inspect the Reed & Son's pianos at the C. B. Prescott music house. You can get an instrument at a very low figure on easy terms.

Master in Obanerry J. J. Finn has let the contract for his new house to J. C. Baldridge & Son. The cost of the house and all improvements complete will be about \$600. It will have ten rooms and will be built in the 1800 block on North Water street.

Easter festival Thursday at First Methodist church. Dinner and supper Friday. 13 ddt

The ladies of the Aid society of Grace Methodist church will give a supper and fair on the evening of April 30. The society expected to give an entertainment at the opera house, but this they have given up and in its stead will give the supper.

The 24th semi-annual meeting of the Central Illinois District Medical society will be held in Pana April 29. The officers of the society are: C. L. Carroll, Taylorville, president; J. J. Conner, Pana, vice president; J. N. Nease, Taylorville, secretary.

Pana, perhaps the leading coal mining town in Central Illinois, is today in the midst of a coal famine. Not a pound of coal has been raised since April 1. The 40 scale has practically shut Pana out of the market. The operators insist that they cannot compete with those of the northern districts and pay the advanced scale.

The "Spectre Knight" will be given by the Decatur Musical club amateur opera company at Moweaqua on the night of April 31. The principle will be Mrs. Elizabeth Knopf, Bunn, Miss Callie Rich, Miss Lyl Stevens, Miss Lillian King, Miss Ella Reeves, J. H. Alexander, A. E. Park, Fred Church, Robert Walter, J. B. Johnson, M. Penwell, Sam Langdale.

Col. A. E. Shrader, former freight agent for the old Midland road in Decatur, did not commit suicide at Evansville, Ind., as was incorrectly stated a few days ago in a telegram from that city. A post mortem examination proved that his death was due to gastritis he having been a patient and silent sufferer from stomach trouble for many years.

Warrensburg C. E. Officers, The Christian Endeavor society of the Church of God of Warrensburg elected the following officers at their last meeting:

President—Rev. P. E. Conrad.

Vice President—Miss Dakota Sharpley.

Secretary—Miss Amy Bonton.

Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary—Miss Bea Nelson.

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Settled for the Loss of Cattle.

Mrs. H. G. Conklin yesterday afternoon

received a letter from her sister in law,

Mrs. Wade Conklin of Louisville, Ky., saying that Wade Conklin of the Alaska party had returned to San Francisco and made satisfactory settlement with the steamship company for the loss of their cattle, which were killed and thrown over board during a storm which the vessel encountered on their trip to Copper City. Mr. Conklin said he considered himself very fortunate in getting a settlement as several others who also lost all their stock returned to San Francisco with him but many did not succeed in getting anything from the steamship company and that he had extremely hard work to reach an agreement. The remainder of the party have by this time reached the top of Valdez Pass and will await Mr. Conklin's arrival with the mules which he took from San Francisco before going farther. Mr. Conklin took two of the mules for each member of the party.

New Bridge Considered.

The chairman of the board of supervisors

has appointed a special committee to

act with the highway commissioners of

Decatur township in the matter of the

Stevens' Creek bridge on the Mt. Pulaski

road. Messrs. Hayes, Lebo and Miller are

the committee from the county board.

The highway commissioners have called a

meeting of the joint committee at the town clerk's office Saturday at 10 o'clock.

Men will be enlisted in Company H,

III N. G., up until midnight tonight

This will be the last chance to join the

company and those who want to become

members of the guards should apply at

the armory this evening. About 20 men

have been taken in making the number

in the company now about 80. Twenty

more men can join and the officers think

that the required number will apply to-

night. There were several who called at

the armory this morning and were in-

structed to return tonight for examination.

Capt. George S. Durfee has prepared a

paper for those to sign who will act as

volunteers in case there is a call. The

obligation that the men sign for volun-

teers is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, obligate our-

selves to respond to a call for troops to en-

list for the Cuban war should such a call

be made by the governor of Illinois for volunteers."

The first man to come to the front and

offer his services as a volunteer was Stan-

ley Grimes.

THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The physical examination of the mem-

bers of Company H, which was begun

last night, will be continued again this

evening at the armory. The examina-

tion is conducted by the first assistant

surgeon of the regiment, Dr. James L.

Bevan. Last night 30 men were exam-

ined. Of this number 24 were accepted,

one was rejected and three were doubtful.

Doubtless some of the men who have

been passed here may be rejected when

they are examined for the regular army.

The officer of the regiment of course want

all the men to go who can, but the idea

of holding an examination here is to save

the state the expense of transporting men

from this city to Springfield, who would

be sure to be rejected when examined at

that place. Every man who has a possi-

bility of passing the regular army exam-

ination will be passed here.

The following are some of the points

which will prevent a man from passing

the physical examination. Weak heart,

poor lungs, loss of any fingers, any lame-

ness of any kind, very bad teeth, or any

easy disease of any kind.

In short each man must have such a physique

that will enable him to withstand the hard-

ships of active service. The examination

made when the men are enlisted in the

regular army is quite rigid, but the sur-

geons will probably not be as particular

as when examining men for the regular

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HOW IT WILL BEGIN

Plan Conceived to Make Spain Start Hostilities.

THE RELIEF EXPEDITION

Blocked by Force—Opposition by the Spaniards Will be Followed by Capture of Sea Forts and Advance on Havana.

Washington, April 15.—Some ten days ago the lawyer in the Senate, who had been requested by representatives of the administration to make a research of international law and the precedents upon which the powers would proceed after the issue of war with Spain, reported the recognition of the insurgents as a form of government or the declaration of independence of the island would certainly rest upon the United States the debt of both the Cuban government and Spain and after the administration had begun a procedure to avoid the responsibility in the declaration by congress a program was mapped out, and here it is, from a high official:

"When the joint resolution becomes a law one of the fleet of our navy, possibly the one that has been stationed at Hampton Roads, will be used as a convoy to accompany a fleet provisioned for the succor of the starving people of the Island of Cuba. There will possibly be six or eight of the warships of various descriptions, and possibly a like number of merchantmen loaded with provisions, clothing, physicians and nurses. The objective point is Matanzas, but it is likely a lower point on the island will be selected as it is reported that the harbor at Matanzas has been planted with mines and torpedoes.

It is confidently expected that the Spanish will resist the landing of this fleet. It will certainly accept the mission of war rather than of mercy and peace. The fleet upon this fleet by Spain will be a parallel, in the rules of war to the firing upon Fort Sumter by the Confederates.

The administration has been consulting the policy of President Lincoln in so proceeding with affairs in the bay of Charleston as to be on the defensive rather than the offensive at the opening of our civil war. It is said that Lincoln's policy was to make it clear that the federal government would not be antagonized by any of the foreign powers, least as we had not precipitated the war, and, secondly, to avoid the payment at the close of the war of damages that would be incurred on account of the destruction of property by federal troops, however by the Confederates.

There is considerable talk among the officers of the alumni about holding a meeting and officially denouncing the article published by the evangelist, Rev. J. V. Coombs. An Alumni Officer.

It is probable a demand will be made upon General Blanco for the surrender of Havana, and this being refused our ships will begin the work of reducing the fortifications.

"All hope that Spain will yield seems now to have been abandoned. The reports from Madrid indicate that under the surface the populace is seething and breathing the spirit of revolution. It is morally impossible for the Sagasta ministry to yield with the fingers of the United States virtually at the throat of Spain and commanding surrender under penalty of a heating. If the queen regent and her cabinet were willing to surrender under such circumstances they would not dare to do so, for behind them stands the Carlist pretender, Wayler the marplot, all the forces of revolution which even now are ministering words of hate for that Austrian woman," and in the dim distance the red flag of anarchy. Spain must fight, or at least pretend to fight.

"Senor Polo y Bernabe, the Spanish minister, is still in Washington. He said today it was his intention to remain till his government recalls him, and this, he believed, his government will do the moment President McKinley communicates to Madrid the resolutions adopted by congress and the president's demand for the evacuation of Cuba, based upon that authorization. Senor Polo is already packing his trunk, and, according to the present outlook, Spain will have no diplomatic representative at Washington after next Monday or Tuesday. When the government at Madrid recalls its minister here of course the state department will cable General Woodford to come home.

ALUMNI INDIGNANT.

The Officers May Hold a Meeting to Denounce Rev. J. V. Coombs.

Editor Republican:—Words cannot express the contempt with which the High school students and graduates read the words of Rev. Coombs, taken from the "Christian Standard," a Christian publication of Cincinnati. The reverend gentleman makes assertions which he cannot prove; his statement in regard to High school girls being found drunk after the annual banquets naturally arises the ire of the entire alumni association, and if the proper kind of justice were meted out to all parties concerned the Rev. Mr. Coombs would be made to correct his statements and to apologize to the D. H. S. Alumni association.

General Miles' plan is to mobilize 17 of the 25 regiments of infantry and five of the ten regiments of cavalry at the Chickamauga Park as speedily as possible.

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PLAN TO MOBILIZE SOLDIERS

Complete Arrangements Made for Sending Them to Chickamauga.

Washington, April 15.—Signs of activity for what now seems to be a probable conflict are continued at the war department. Everything is in readiness for a prompt movement of troops toward some central point, particularly of the forces east of the Rocky Mountains, but General Miles says nothing is likely to be done in the way of moving any large body of troops southward until there is more evidence that their services will be needed. Complete arrangements have been made for the immediate mobilization of practically the entire military force of the government at the Chickamauga National Park at the first signs of trouble. It is expected in case of necessity a call will be issued for about 40,000 troops, preferably from the national guard of the different states and territories. In the event that the war policy contemplates the invasion of Cuba, the army may be increased to 100,000 men. Of this the regular troops and the national guard will aggregate about 55,000 men, and the remainder will be made up of volunteers.

In the event of a call upon the national guard attention will be directed first to the organizations in the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio and the District of Columbia.

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SLUMP IN THE MARKET.

Wheat Goes Off Over Four Cents on the Rush.

Chicago, April 15.—The wheat market went down today as rapidly as it advanced earlier in the week. At the close July showed a decline of 4½ from the highest point of yesterday. From the opening there was a pressure to sell long wheat, one firm selling about 5,000,000 bushels, supposedly for Leiter. The clique brokers bid May up at the opening to \$1.15. Whether it was the intention to stampede some of the May shorts or to strengthen the market in order to sell July, is uncertain, but in either case it failed, for here was no strength in July and no rush to cover of May.

SELLING FAMILY JEWELS.

Sacrifices Being Made to Swell the Spanish War Fund.

London, April 15.—A leading diamond merchant of London says that a number of the most valuable jewels belonging to some of the great families in Spain have just been placed in the market for sale, the proceeds to be devoted to the Spanish war fund.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's Drug Stores.

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The district of Bagdad, Turkey, in Asia, furnishes a wool the best grades of which are used in the manufacture of wortles, such as braid and sweater.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers. Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Miss Anna Hellipper of Oklahoma has asked the permission of the courts to change her name to Anna Helper.

Be particularly careful of a dead-sure ring.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Ella Taylor, who, in company with her mother, has been in California for several months, is ill at San Francisco.

—Mrs. J. M. Clokey returned this morning from a visit with her children and other relatives at Boston.

—Attorney A. M. Taylor returned last evening from a visit of 10 days with his parents at Clinton.

—David Meyer of Worronsburg, was in the city yesterday on business.

—Miss Flora Downing will arrive home tomorrow from a visit of 10 days with relatives at Dayton, Ohio.

—Mrs. Wilson of Lincoln, Ill., and Mrs. Baird of Ogden, Ill., are visiting with their nieces, Mrs. M. E. Kennedy and sister, at 423 East Bradford street.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bone of Bethany are guests of Deacon Brooks.

—Mrs. Lucia Heikrader is confined to her house by illness.

—Clyde Young went to Macon today on a hunting trip.

—Hon. Joseph Miller of Blue Mound was in the city today on business.

—Mrs. Marcus Wagner, who has been visiting friends at Chatham, Ill., returned home this morning.

—Attorney T. B. Jack is in Niantic on legal business.

—James Foley of Dalton City is in the city.

—Miss Gertrude Chamberlain returned last evening from a visit with friends at Bountington.

—Mrs. A. B. Davidson of Bloomington is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell of West Prairie avenue.

—Mrs. A. M. Drew returned this afternoon from Normal and Clinton.

—Miss May Miller will spend Sunday in Cleo to attend a birthday dinner to be given by the son of Dr. Pease.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gebhart of North Broadway, April 14, a daughter.

—Mrs. Bella Nelson and mother of Oreana visited in Decatur today.

SCHEME FOR THE SALE OF CUBA.

London, April 15.—It is reported, and generally believed in financial circles here, that the Spanish imbroglio will be settled without recourse to arms by the sale of the Island of Cuba when the Cortes meets. Foreign financiers are lending every effort to this end.

The Spanish ministry could not take such action, but the Cortes can if it sees fit. Pressure on Spain to agree to this proposal is said to be extreme. A Spanish statesman of great repute, and a member of the Cortes, suggested this as the true solution of the difficulty, and announced his intention of bringing in a resolution to this effect.

It is understood that the money for the purchase will be ready at any moment. It is said that if Congress be not unduly hasty the president will be able to settle the difficulty to the satisfaction of the United States, the insurgents, and the Spanish government.

GILBERT DEFEATED PARMALE.

Chicago, April 15.—The live pigeon shot between Fred Gilbert of Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Frank Parmales of Omaha, at Watson's Park, was won by Gilbert, who killed 60 out of 100 birds. Parmales' score was 88. The match was shot for the Dupont cup, held by Gilbert, against \$100 put up by Parmales. A strong wind was blowing, which made the shooting difficult.

GUNS BOUGHT IN EUROPE.

Washington, April 15.—Information has been received by Captain O'Neill, chief of the bureau of ordnance, that all the guns purchased in England, numbering 135—1, 2, 3 and 6 pounds—have been shipped, so that if war should break out there will be no chance of an application of neutrality laws by the British government.

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Why He Looked.—Hojack—"Why are you consulting the dictionary? I thought you knew how to spell." Tom-dik—"I do. I am not looking for information, but for corroboration."—Tit Bits.

I had to Be.—"Why do you use such old jokes in your drama?" "Well, the action of the play is so swift that the audience wouldn't have time to eat on new jokes."—Chicago Record.

"I say, Bridget, is your beau a golic or a silver man?" asked the head of the house. "Shure, he's neyther," answered the cook, who was in love with policeman; "he's what you call a copper man, sir."—Yonkers Statesman.

Weary Willy—"Ah! lady, dis angel cake uv yours is just like mother used ter make." Lady—"Is it, indeed?" Weary Willy—"It's de identical thing dat's why I run away from home and went ter sea at de age of six."—Puck.

Testimonials.—Maid (about to leave)—"Might I ask you for a testimonial to help me get another place?" Mistress—"But, Mary, what could I truthfully say in a testimonial that would help you to get another place?"—Maid.

How News Is Made.—"If it true, Mr President," asked the reporter, "that war will be declared to-morrow?" "Oh ne," replied the president. And the next day the yellow journal printed this headline: "The president announced that war may probably be started off to-day longer."—Philadelphia North American.

CO-OPERATIVE LIVING.

Nine Kansas Families Form a Club on a Plan That Furnishes a Meal at Small Cost.

Nine of the most staid and respectable families in Burron, Kan., have thrown away their stove lids and packed their dishes on the back kitchen stoves. Whether they have imbibed somewhat of the restless "something new" spirit of their maternal commonwealth or not, they have shocked the ordinary ideas of economic propriety and have formed a cooperative living association, wherein the food question is settled upon a cooperative basis.

Burton is a small village, without any immediate prospect of growing larger. Located in the midst of a fair farming community, it has no opportunity for importing choice land products, nor, indeed, enough means to procure a city variety. The size of the town does not warrant the location of a bakery, and all the wheat stuff must be bought from the neighboring cities. As a consequence of the limited population, there is a very small supply of hired help, even smaller than the limited demand. The heavy burdens of the household fall upon the housewife alone, and very little social intercourse can be enjoyed. In such a condition of affairs, the Cooperative Living association was organized for the economic and social benefit of its membership. In order to insure a reliable, orthodox reputation, the association has enrolled among its members bankers, merchants, druggists and a representative preceptor and domine.

The practical advantages of the club may be noted as follows: First the saving of from 15 to 25 hours of kitchen worry" per week.

Second, the providing of well-cooked and well-served meals, ranging in cost from 7½ to 9 cents per meal.

It may be well to note that low rents (eight dollars per month for an eight-room house) and the comparatively low wages paid to the cook (\$25 per month, with use of house, and with board for herself and family of three children) may not be duplicated in larger towns.

A purchasing committee of three members buys the provisions; groceries at wholesale rates, meat by the quarter and side, and all provisions in correspondingly large quantities. Another member acts as treasurer, and all bills are paid promptly every Monday morning for the week ending the Saturday previous.

The real disadvantages, and those likely to be met, may be specified—a careless cook, high rents, unsuitable building, distance of home from clubhouse and the monotony of living away from the home board.

To sum up, for eight cents per meal, the heat and worry of the kitchen are avoided; hired help is largely dispensed with; greater variety is provided with a smaller outlay of labor and money, and apart from the economic value of a month's living being reduced to \$7.20, there is a social feature that makes meal time a feast of fellowship, as well as an alleviator to the pangs of hunger.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Who "Toots" Took Off His Shoes.

Rev. Benjamin Baxter, a colored minister in Virginia, while conducting a Sunday-school recently, was fired at by one of his pupils with this question:

"Why was it, Bruder Baxter, dat Moze tuk off his shoes when he wuz talkin' vid de Lord on Clinch mountain? (Clinch mountain is a local eminence.)

Brother Baxter scratched his head for a reason.

"Don yo' know dat, Eph?" the minister presently asked in a tone of apparent surprise.

"No, I doesn't," replied Eph.

"Aint de Biblic say it wuz hols ground?" asked the preacher.

"Yeah," assented Eph.

"Well, den, Eph. Moze tuk off his shoes to keep frum slippin' into de hole,"—Judge.

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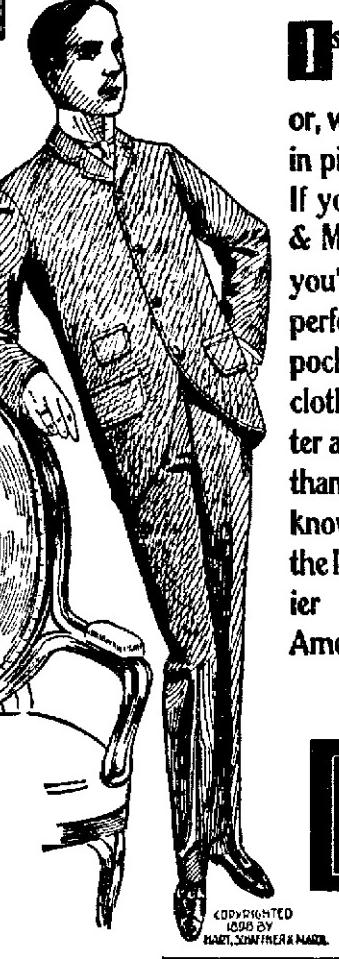
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I'm older'n you; I've seen things and men;
An' my experience—tell yez wot it's been;
Folks that worked thorough was the ones that thriv.
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Smoke the Queen, manufactured by
Hedrick & Kuestink.—15-df
Denz—the Leading Tailor.—april 6-df
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made
by Jacob Kook.
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 25-df
Smoke the Little J. 5 cent cigar, guaranteed
to contain no artificial flavor.
Go to Spangler & Lehman's for garden
seeds. They are now in receipt of large
invoices of fresh seeds from the most reliable
houses in the country.—ml-d&w&w

Do you want plastering done? If so
telephone 538, new 'phone. Decatur Hard
Plaster Co. Perry & Oren.—5-df

Go to Spangler & Lehman's for wood
pumps, iron lift pumps, force pumps,
chain pumps and pump repairing.—Mar
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THE BALL TO-NIGHT.

Brilliant Affair to be Witnessed at the
Elks' Hall.

The post-lenten ball to be given by the
young society women of the city, under
the direction of Mrs. Albert Barnes at the
Elks' hall tonight promises to be, as was
predicted, the most brilliant social affair
of the spring season. The handsome
rooms of the Elks' quarters will be deco-
rated in palms, and cut flowers and the
card rooms, ball room and upper room
will be in charge of reception committee
composed of the young women who have
chosen this manner of entertaining their
men friends in a most charming way and
at the same time giving the crowning
touch to the season of charity and penance
by contributing the proceeds of the ball
to the fund for the free kindergarten.
The dancing will begin at nine o'clock
and cards and other amusements have
been provided for those who prefer taking
their enjoyment in a more quiet manner.
The supper will be served by Mrs. Sedg-
wick, who will be assisted by the young
women who will preside in turn over the
coffee urn and the punch bowl. The
guests who will be present from out of
town are: Miss Louise Ewing, Messrs.
Lily Funk, Laurence Funk, Louis T.
Eddy, Spencer Ewing, Bloomington;
Misses Nina Counter and Maude Jeffries
of Springfield, who are Miss Ant Wal-
ton's guests, and Mr. Barnes of Clinton.
Messrs. Barrott and Ijames of Champaign
guests of Misses Madge Hayes and Grace
Hamsher.

—Mrs. Mary J. Welty of Cerro Gordo
visited in Decatur today.

Ladies, now is the time to have
your spring and summer dresses,
cloaks, jackets and capes dyed in any
colors and nicely dry cleaned and fin-
ished to look like new, at Miller's
Steam Dyeing and Dry Cleaning
Works, 145 North Main street.
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Arrived Yesterday.

Our fresh stock of garden seeds, every-
thing in that line can be had at Leon &
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MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK
coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can
drink Grind-O with pleasure and sleep like
a log. Grind-O does not stimulate;
norishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and
tastes like the best coffee. For nervous person
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fect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a
package from your grocer today. Try it in
place of coffee. 16 and 25c.

The Covenant Mutual Case.
Bloomington Paragraph: The case of
J. H. Rowell vs. the Covenant Mutual
Insurance Association of Galesburg will
be tried at the next term of the circuit
court. It is understood that counsel for
the defense will file a demurrer to the bill
to the effect that a private individual
cannot sue an insurance company, under
a law passed in 1898, and that the attorney
general alone can act in the premises.
Mr. Rowell claims that a contract cannot
be annulled in this manner, and will join
issue on the demurrer.

CIRCUIT COURT

Frahiman Sues Robinson
for Bar Bill of \$74.40.

COMMISSION IS CLAIMED

By Samuel R. Suffern from Patrick
W. Finn for Selling Proper-
ty—Entries on Court
Dockets Today.

In the circuit court today the case of
Samuel R. Suffern vs. Patrick W. Finn
was on trial. The case is one wherein
Mr. Suffern is suing for a commission
claimed to be due him for negotiating a
real estate deal for Mr. Finn. The jury
hearing the case is composed of the following:
J. R. Culbertson, M. T. Bott,
J. M. Willard, George Smith, N. M. Madix,
Henry Kater, Andrew Barnett, S. T.
Keeler, Charles Elliott, Amos Fulk, R.
H. Johnson and G. W. Martin.

The case of Edward Frahimian vs.
Philip Robinson went to the jury this
morning. The plaintiff is suing Robinson
for bar bill of \$74.40. The defendant
set up the plea that he was an habitual
drunkard and that therefore the saloon
man sold him liquor against the law.
The case went to the jury this morning
and the jury was still out this afternoon.

The ladies in charge of the kitchen were
Mrs. J. C. Mark, Mrs. Pitner, Mrs.
Bright, Mrs. Augustine, Mrs. John Armstrong
and Mrs. John Quinlan. Assisting
were Mrs. Janet Martin, Mrs. Bendure,
in charge of the coffee and tea; Mrs.
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and pies; Miss Bertha Whitehurst and
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pudding; Mrs. Richard Shaffer and
Mrs. W. H. Hubbard, in charge of the
bread.

Supper will be served from 8 o'clock
this evening and the booths will be con-
ducted by the ladies who were in charge
last evening.
An informal musical program will be
given this evening.

QUITE CLOSE TO CUBA

Are the Members of the Powers
Family—Will Return May 1.

Yesterday Manager Fred Given of the
Grand opera house received a letter from
Charles O. Powers, written at Palm
Beach, Florida. The Powers family will
leave for home about May 1. Palm Beach
is on the Florida sea coast, 150 miles from
the island of Cuba, in range of the guns
of the warships. With his field glass Mr.
Powers can observe the battleships moving
about. There was something of a
scare at Palm Beach some days ago, but
it blew over.

UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Board of Pardons are Considering the
Faunce Case and Will Report Later.

The state board of pardons have the
case of Jack Faunce under advisement.
Yesterday State's Attorney Mills presented
his statement and Harry M. Wheeler
presented the petition signed by nearly
8000 persons. The petition was the largest
that was ever brought before the board
of pardons.

Took Chances.
George Christison of Maroa, who had
told some friends that he was going to
St. Louis to buy mules, came near ending
his earthly career last evening, when he
jumped off a rapidly moving train near
the Monroe street crossing of the road,
and when picked up was found to be badly
scratched on the face, his head cut and
severely jarred. He was brought to the
Huff hotel in the patrol wagon, where he
was attended by Drs. Dixon and Wilhelmy.
He will recover. Christison had
got on the wrong train at the depot. He
wanted to go to Jacksonville, but he was
on his way to St. Louis, when he rushed
to the door of the coach and jumped off.
Now he wishes he had not done so.

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Cook County's List.

Members of the fraternity in Decatur
and vicinity will be interested to learn
that there are at present 130 lodges of
the order of Knights of Pythias in Chicago,
or rather within the boundaries of the
domain of Cook county, and 28 of the lodges
meet on Monday night, 28 on Tuesday
night, 29 on Wednesday, 29 on Thursday,
27 on Friday and three on Saturday even-
ings.

2,000 First Class Books
on sale at 10 CENTS EACH.

L. CHORAT'S NEWS HOUSE.

DINNER AT CHURCH.

A Splendid Feast—Pronounced Success
of Methodist Easter Festival.

The Easter festival given by the ladies
of the Social and Business union of the
First M. E. church, under the direction of
the president of the union, Mrs. J. C.
Mark, at the church yesterday and today,
has been one of the most successful
effort yet made by the union in payment of
the church debt. The opening sales at
the booths last evening were good and the
colonial and English dinner served from
11 to 2 o'clock today was well patronized.
The dinner was served at two long tables
which extended the entire length of the
room, taking the place of the smaller tables
which have heretofore been used.

The Colonial table was in charge of
Mrs. J. H. Sears and Mrs. Milton Johnson,
assisted by Mrs. S. M. Irwin, Mrs.
Frank Webb, Mrs. Lillian Robertson,
Mrs. S. P. Buff. Colonial silver and old
colonial candle sticks were used on this
table and the menu was a typical New
England bill of fare, consisting of roast
pork, gravy, potatoes, baked beans. Boston
brown bread, slaw, pickles, pumpkin
and dried apple pies, doughnuts, coffee
and tea.

The English table was in charge of
Mrs. J. W. Sauner, Mrs. E. A. Morgan
and Mrs. F. M. Balston, assisted by Mrs.
R. C. Conklin, Mrs. James Hall, Mrs.
Kirkland. Misses Myrtle Flint, Lillian
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